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SUBJECT: REFUGEES: CHILEAN REFUGEES TO AND THROUGH DENMARK

1. RECENTLY ARNE PIEL-CHRISTENSEN, SECRETARY GENERAL, DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL (DRC), TOLD EMBOFFS ABOUT STATUS OF PROGRAM TO TAKE CHILEAN REFUGEES IN DENMARK. HE SAID THAT 65 HAD ALREADY ARRIVED AND THAT POSSIBLY 200 TO 250 WOULD BE ACCEPTED. (MINISTRY OF JUSTICE OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, HAS ADVISED EMBASSY THAT TOTALS WILL BE ABOUT 100 ACCEPTED IN REFUGEE STATUS WITH SOME 25 ALREADY BEING PROCESSED IN DENMARK.)

2. HE NOTED THAT AMONG THOSE TAKEN OR BEING CONSIDERED WERE LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL OPPOSITIONISTS FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRAZIL, URUGUAY, AND BOLIVIA, ALTHOUGH CHILEANS WERE, OF COURSE, ALSO BEING CONSIDERED. HE COMMENTED ON REPORTS THAT THE NON-CHILEANS INCLUDED MANY DANGEROUS POLITICAL ACTIVISTS BY SAYING THAT HE HAD NO EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THESE CHARGES.

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3. PIEL-CHRISTENSEN SAID THAT DRC WAS ASSISTING CHILEAN REFUGEES

DESTINED FOR EAST GERMANY TRANSITTING THROUGH COPENHAGEN AIRPORT, AND THAT HIS ORGANIZATION HAD GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH GDR EMBASSY HERE. THE EAST GERMANS, HE SAID, WERE TAKING A TOTAL OF 400 CHILEAN REFUGEES, BUT HAD BEEN "OUTBID" BY THE FRG, WHICH PROMPTLY OFFERED TO TAKE 500.

4. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENTS FROM ADDRESSEES FOR PASSING TO DANISH AUTHORITIES ON CHILEAN REFUGEES (EITHER ACTUAL CHILEAN NATIONALS OR OTHER LATIN AMERICANS WHO WERE IN CHILE WHEN ALLENDE GOVERNMENT OVERTHROWN) WITH FOCUS ON PROBLEMS OF RESETTLEMENT OF SUCH PERSONS IN DENMARK, SO DIFFERENT IN CHARACTER AND LIFESTYLE FROM LATIN AMERICA. BIO DATA ON SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS COMING HERE NOT REPEAT NOT NEEDED.

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